in Coimbatore District of Tamil Nadu. At present, ATDCs are not proposed to be set up at Madurai and Salem.

The Council is also running at ATDC centre at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Tirupur and Chennai are major garment production centres of Tamil Nadu and, therefore, ATDCs have already been set up at these two locations.

Assistance to weavers of Maharashtra

1012. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details and the number of proposals submitted by Maharashtra Government related to textile issues to the Union Government, including necessary assistance to weavers of Maharashtra, during the last two years; and

(b) Government's response thereto, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) & (b) The Schemes being implemented in the Textile Sector are neither State nor community specific and the funds under the schemes are released to various implementing agencies after evaluating the viability of the proposals received. Some of the important schemes being implemented for the development and growth of handlooms are as follows:—

* Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana;
* Handloom Export Scheme;
* Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme;
* Weaver's Welfare Scheme;
* Bunkar Bima Yojana (Revised as Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana in 2005-06).
* Integrated Handloom Training Project Scheme.

In the handloom sector, during 2004-05 & 2005-06, Rs. 60.71 lakhs and Rs. 43.85 lakhs respectively were released to various implementing agencies in the State of Maharashtra.

Textile export after abolition of quota

1013. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
Ms. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) after the abolition of quota system by European Union, how much has been the export of textile in last three years;

(b) whether there is any incentive being given for export of handloom products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the total amount of textile export in handloom and handicraft sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (d) As per World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Textiles & Clothing (ATC), the textile quota regime has been phased out and the textile sector has been fully integrated into WTO *w.e.f.* 01.01.2005. The Textiles exports, including Handlooms and Handicrafts, in post quota period, has shown an up-trend, and during the last three years the total textiles exports, including Handlooms and Handicrafts are as under:

(In US$ billion)

2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
13.04	14.03	17.08

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing the Focused Product Scheme for export promotion of Handlooms under which Handloom exporters are eligible for duty credit facility. Besides, "Handloom Export Scheme" is being implemented, wherein financial assistance is being given for the development of exportable products, publicity of the products and the international marketing thereof.

Revival of sick handicrafts units

1014. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of handicrafts industrial units functioning at present in the different parts of the country;

(b) the State-wise details of financial allocation made to these working units during the last three years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for revival of sick handicrafts units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per census conducted by National Council for Applied Economic Research during 1995-96, there were 14.55 lakh